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W. CALVIN CHASE, EDITOR.

We are for men not party.

Men not party should be the policy of the Negro.

Let parties ask for the colored vote, if they want it.

Read our society article this week.

The BEE is not the organ of any man, party or faction.

It is easier to marry than it is to be divorced.

Massachusetts should not send another Hoar to the Senate.

Gladstone will resign. It is evident that he is strong in defense of the Irish.

Senator Logan made a grand speech in the Senate Wednesday in reply to blackguards and black-malers.

We believe that our District Commissioners will give the District colored people a representation in the District government.

Col. Wm. A. Cook, the greatest lawyer before the District bar had the judgement of the lower court reversed in the case of Lud Gunnell and Adrians.

The average colored farmer down south comes out at the end of the year with a penniless pocket and a deep sigh thanking heaven that he escaped with his life.

Mr. Geo. W. Williams, the author of a book entitled the History of the Colored People, will have a hard time to prove that his amiable and inoffensive wife deserted him.

GENERAL LOGAN.

Certain republicans and republic editors have tried to traduce the name and reputation of General Logan, because he did not deem it necessary to request an investigation of Senator Payne of Ohio. Whatever Mr. Paynes' politics are we know him to be a good and conscientious statesman. There was no evidence before the committee on privileges and elections to show that Mr. Payne bribed any member of the Ohio legislature to vote for him. Messrs. Logan, Evarts and Teller took the correct view of it and reported to the Senate that there was nothing against the Ohio Senator.

There are a few republican renegades who are endeavoring to misrepresent and place these honorable gentlemen in a false light before the country. It is true as Gen'l. Logan said, that instead of investigating Mr. Payne an attempt is being made to destroy the influence of himself and his associates. The editor of the Commercial Gazette is like all other milk and water republicans, who have their own selfish ambition to satisfy. Who is the chief of which the Gazette speaks? If it is Mr. Blaine, we are free to admit that a worse calamity will never befall the republican party, if he be nominated as the republican standard bearer in '88. The eyes of the Negroes are opened; they don't propose to be sucklings of any party. General Logan wants nothing that the American people don't want him to have; he is no candidate of any party or set of men who seek by false means to destroy the reputation and honor of honest men. We congratulate the position of Gen. Logan, Senators Evarts and Teller in the Payne bribery farce.

MATTHEWS OF ALBANY.

HOW REPUBLICAN NEGRO OFFICE HOLDERS BOW BEFORE HIM AND BOW DEMOCRATS DEBET HIM.

Among no race of people is there so much political hypocrisy and social sycophancy displayed as there are among certain republican Negro office holders in this city. Cains Cassius in instigating Brutus to join the conspiracy against Caesar, is not played to a greater extent than some of our Negro republican office holders practice with Mr. Matthews of Albany. There are several Negro clerks in the government departments of this city who cut quite a swell in society, and who, when ever an occasion presents itself, dance to the beck and call of the Albany leader with the hope and aim of gaining his influence to keep them in their positions. It is not presumed that Mr. Matthews cares for any social honors or recognition among this class of republicans, but there is a disposition of a few of these colored office holders to hold Mr. Matthews and keep him from a social clique in this city that is attempting to keep him within their own circle. What ever endorsement Mr. Matthews has received, has come from republicans and republican office holders in the departments, while the democrats have opposed him. Negro republicans bow to him as Judas Iscariot bowed before Christ while the democratic party is sitting in judgment on his confirmation as Pontious Pilot pretended that he found no fault in the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, but allowed him to be put to death all the same. What the colored republican can gain by this kind of political demagoguery, the BEE is unable to state, but this fact is known, that there will be more fence straddling in '88 than there is now, should the republican party win. The presumption is, there will not be enough Negro office holders between now and '88 to sing psalms of the new Jerusalem.

IS THE NEGRO A FAILURE?

PROF. WHITE THINKS THE SOUTH NEEDS WHITE PEASANTRY.

The Augusta Chronicle says, Prof. H. C. White, occupying the chair of the University of Georgia, has been among Augusta's most appreciated guests the past week. He had just returned from the meeting of State farmers in Columbus, where his striking address upon the subject of elevating labor in the south has developed much comment in a new and improved direction. He says what he means by peasantry is intelligent scientific laborers, such as France, England and even down trodden Ireland have.

NO PEASANTRY HERE.

"Well," said Professor White, I took this ground: "Here we have a State of fine climate, with a soil naturally good and susceptible of greater improvement, but the country is absolutely without peasantry. The people who occupy the rank of peasants are an ignorant, shiftless class, seemingly not desirous of self-advancement."

"There is among them a low state of morality and little disposition to acquire property, nor are they susceptible of that training which enables them to work our land to the best advantage."

"Our country cannot be improved without good labor, educated labor and skilled labor. In thinking over this whole matter I have made bold to enquire whether or not the lack of a saving middle class, is not the weak point in our Southern system, and whether or not the labor difficulty is not at the bottom of all our trouble?"

"What is your solution, Professor—your formula?"

THE REMEDY.

"This of course leads us to hunt for the remedy. I contend: "1st. We must live independently of this class of labor by cultivating ourselves small areas. This leads to intensive farming."

"2nd. This of course means scientific farming. We must educate the rising generation of whites, so that they may understand scientific agriculture. Our State scientific and agricultural schools must be built up and fostered. The same is true of the mechanic arts, and this is where our technological schools must come in, to raise up young mechanics and train Southern labor."

THE NEGRO NOT A FAILURE.

Says Mr. Benet, of Abbeville in reply to Prof White:

THE NEGRO AS A LABORER.

Prof. White does not say the negro is a failure as a laborer. He does pronounce him a failure as a "skilled laborer," and in this no

doubt he is correct. Nor would he go far wrong if he said the field laborers of France, England and Ireland—three countries he mentions—were failures as skilled laborers. Having some acquaintance with the peasantry of those European countries, I cannot agree with the Professor that they are "scientific laborers." Intelligent they may be—very many of them are—much more so than the negro; but surely not scientific. Is it really necessary that farm laborers should be scientific or skilled? That the farmer himself should be so needs no argument; just as the ship captain must be skilled in the science of navigation, whether his crew be so or not. It is the duty of the crew and of the farm laborers to obey the orders of the captain, to carry out the directions of the farmer. "Theirs not to reason why; theirs not to make reply." And the captain and the farmer must see that their commands are obeyed.

As a laborer pure and simple, I do not regard the Negro a failure. On the contrary, when under the supervision of the white man, HE IS AN EXCELLENT LABORER; but white supervision, constant and efficient, fit it kind, the white man must exercise over him. His fine physique enables him to stand hard work; and, easily satisfied, easy to manage, I get heart ed and simple.

LET THE NEGRO ALONE.

To the North I would say, Let the South alone; let the races live here in peace. Let the Negro be no longer the spoiled pet of sentimental philanthropists—the special object of care to all people with a mission. Treat him as a man and not as a little child. Meddle not with race movements; they will adjust themselves. There need be no conflict; for their lives are diverse. There need be no antagonism, for there is no rivalry. Left to himself, the Negro seeks and needs no better friend than his white neighbor and employer. From the cradle to the grave the white man and the black have the kindest feelings towards each other. A negro nurse rocks the white man's cradle; a negro nurse arranges him for the grave; and negro servants and neighbors shed his best tears at his funeral. There is the most cordial friendship between white man and negro and yet no social intercourse. Neither seeks it, nor will ever seek it. Thus they live together on the same soil, next door neighbors, with distinct social systems; not on different social planes or levels, as is sometimes charged, for their lives are so distinct there is no medium of comparison—no higher no lower—but entirely apart. There let them live, pursuing their course in

PARALLEL LINES OF PROGRESS, never meeting, never coming in conflict, but each helping the other when their interests are mutual the white man helping his weaker brother whenever possible, as the negro knows so well how to obtain help, and as the Southern white man knows so well to bestow it—a unique relationship understood nowhere else.

SOUTH WASHINGTON NEWS
L. G. Fletcher, Agent and Collector.

The Zion Baptist church has been opened since Tuesday evening, the 6th.

The 5th Sunday in August, is the day for the African Foreign Mission collection throughout the District.

Rev. R. S. Laws filled the pulpit of the Wesley Zion A. M. E. church on Sunday evening the 11th. The pulpit of the Zion Baptist church was supplied by the Rev. S. J. R. Nelson and Wm. J. Howard of said church.

There is no section of the city that is being more completely improved than this.

Mr. Robert Gibbons, left this city for Chicago by the 10 p. m. train Sunday night last.

The family of the late Rev. Wm. Gibbons, make serious objections to the manner in which his pictures are being taken and sold by persons other than the family, without first obtaining their permission and arrangements. A young man in the name of a reporter for the Bee, called upon the family while his remains were yet in the house, and stated positively, that he wished a picture of the minister for the purpose of placing it in the Bee. As a reporter to that paper, Mrs. Alice Lucas stated that she consented finally to accommodate him; and he took the picture off and had a large num-

ber drawn and sold at 15 cts. a piece for which the man were charged by the family with duplicity. No BEE reporter called and got his picture.

An excursion from Lynchburg, Va., to this city on Tuesday morning last, and returned for their home on Wednesday evening at 10 p. m., brought some of the best citizens of that section of the state; a large number of which stopped at the North Carolina house 240 3rd St.

A gentleman writes from Albany Ave., Hartford Conn., and says, please send me the Bee to Sept. 1st at which time I shall return to Washington. He says of all the Washington papers, send me the Bee; because it is so homeborn.

The Willing Workers of Zion gave a picnic at Browns' Park 7th st., on Monday evening last, which has had no equal for the season.

A large number of tickets have been sold for Harpers Ferry Aug. 9th, from the Wesley Zion. J. H. Hector and R. S. Laws will deliver addresses.

Dr. S. A. Sumby is now over run with professional engagements and some serious cases.

Mr. S. A. Webb, the well known dealer in new and second handed clothing at 1124 7th st., is now doing good business in South Washington.

Rev. R. S. Laws, pastor of the Virginia Ave. Baptist church will soon enter his new church.

WEST WASHINGTON.
N. E. SEDGWICK, Agent and Reporter, 1315 27 Street.

A new choir has been organized at the Ebenezer A. M. E. church, with Mr. A. Butler as leader.

Mr. A. Hughes is lying dangerously ill at his residence 2nd st. with pneumonia.

Persons desiring to subscribe for the "Bee" will leave their orders at Lewis Barber shop 1417 28th st. Subscriptions invariably in advance.

The Sunday School Union of West Washington, held their quarterly meeting last Sunday afternoon at Mt. Zion church. The exercises consisting of essays, declarations, etc. interspersed with music by the schools was very interesting, especially the essay of Miss Alice Beason, the select reading by Miss Ella Nash and Miss Jessie Lewis.

Mr. J. L. Turner on being introduced, declined in favor of Mr. L. A. Cornish Supt. of Israel Bethel school, who delivered a very interesting address on the teachings of the lessons, showing the great value of the international lesson. He also exhibited some stones from Bethney, where he had traveled and saw the grave of Lazarus. He congratulated the Union for being harmoniously working together as Christians and trusted that they would continue in their work of reformation. Addresses were also delivered by Messrs: David Clark, John Brown and John H. Ferguson.

Noticeable among the Sabbath school workers present were: David Warner, Henry Piper, J. W. Lee and Solomon Lomax. In the absence of the secretary, Mr. R. D. Ruffin read the annual report of the Union showing an excellent condition of the schools connected with the Union. The newly elected officers of the Union are J. H. Ferguson, Pres., J. L. Turner, vice pres., H. W. Hewlett, Treas., and John Pope, Sec'y. After a collection of \$16.50 the exercises closed with benediction by Rev. D. Collins.

PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL PRESS CONVENTION, AUGUST 3, 1886. 2 P. M., ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY.

Afternoon.

1. Opening Exercises.
2. Appointment of Committee on Credentials.
3. Short Addresses.
4. Report of Committee on Credentials.
5. Election of Officers.

Night.

1. Opening Exercises.
2. Installation of Officers.
3. Discussion, "The Future Relations of the Negro to Existing Parties."

SYMPOSIUM.

T. T. Fortune, New York Freeman.
A. F. Bradley, Chicago Observer.
Jno. W. Cromwell, People's Advocate.
J. A. Arneux, New York Enterprise.
L. A. Martinet, Louisiana Standard.

J. H. Keeble, Free Lance.
R. R. Wright, Weekly Sentinel.
Papers, fifteen minutes each.

SECOND DAY.

Morning.

1. Reports of Committees. Discussions thereon.
2. Other Business.

Afternoon.

1. Reports of Committees continued. Discussion thereon.
2. Routine Business.

Night.

1. Public Meeting. Invited guests to speak on any topic of interest.

COMMITTEES:

"On the Religious, Educational and Social Status of the colored People."

Southwestern Advocate, Louisiana, Chairman; Georgia Baptist, Georgia; Christian Recorder, Pennsylvania; Gold Eagle, Tennessee; Alumnus, Pennsylvania; Western Baptist Herald, Iowa; Christian Star, Texas; Christian Index, Mississippi; Star of Zion, North Carolina; Afr-American Churchman, Virginia; Pioneer, Texas; People's Journal, Florida.

"Southern Outrages."

Washington Bee, District Columbia, Chairman; Planet, Virginia; Sun, Arkansas; Atlanta Defender, Georgia; Gate City Press, Missouri; Boston Advocate, Massachusetts; Baptist Advocate, Louisiana; Baptist Standard, North Carolina; Virginia Critic, Virginia; Knights of Wise Men, Tennessee; Ohio Falls Express, Kentucky.

"Industrial Education."

Western Appeal, Minnesota, Chairman; St. Louis Advance, Missouri; Memphis Watchman, Tennessee; Arkansas Review, Arkansas; American Baptist, Kentucky; Phoenix, Georgia; St. Mary's Herald, Louisiana; Southern Independence, Alabama; Maryland Director, Maryland.

"Labor."

Detroit Plaindealer, Michigan, Chairman; Light House, Texas; Cleveland Globe, Ohio; Living Way, Tennessee; Baptist Pioneer, Alabama; Southern Leader, Florida; Chattanooga Tribune, Tennessee; Baptist Beacon, Ohio; Golden Epoch, Arkansas; Lynchburg Laborer, Virginia; Baptist Monitor, Kentucky.

"Journalism."

A. M. E. Review, Pennsylvania, Chairman; Cleveland Gazette, Ohio; Denver Sun, Colorado; Indianapolis World, Indiana; Baptist Companion, Virginia; Journal of the Lodge, Louisiana; Elevator, California; Cairo Gazette, Illinois; Progressive American, New York; Baptist Preacher, Texas.

"Resolutions and Business."

National Monitor, New York, Chairman; Arkansas Mansion, Arkansas; Virginia Lancet, Virginia; Chicago Conservator, Illinois; Chattanooga Times, Tennessee; The Soldier's Re-Union, Kentucky; Texas Press, Texas.

From personal correspondence with the speakers, chairmen and other members, and the sanction of all concerned, the program is sent forth and the convention will meet at the time and place mentioned.

Let the chairmen communicate with the members of their committee, and let the reports be fully completed, considerably digested so that they will be of permanent value as the expression of the colored editors of the United States. Thus prepared before hand by correspondence, there will be little to do in the preparation of reports, and more time can be given to the discussions, without depleting the meetings of frequent adjournments. The chairmen will be expected to make 15 minute speeches in the presentation of the report.

Should anything occur in the change or time or place, the program will remain the same.

Co operation on the part of the members of the press has been promised and further co-operation is solicited. Let every paper copy this announcement and exchange with the AMERICAN BAPTIST.

Done by order of the Executive Committee of the Colored National Press Convention.

WM. J. SIMMONS, Chairman.

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